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FIVE INDICTED FOR COCAINE TRAFFICKING

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that five persons were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis:

ISAIAS RODERICO BARRIOS-LOPEZ, age 31, a citizen of Guatemala, but currently housed in the Marion County Jail; ALONSO RIVERA-GALVAN, age 31; RAUL CASTILLO, age 24; and ALBERTO DOMINGUEZ, age 24, citizens of Mexico, but currently housed in the Marion County Jail; and JUAN VALLE, age 24, Indianapolis, Indiana, were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. BARRIOS-LOPEZ, RIVERA-GALVAN, DOMINGUEZ AND VALLE were also charged with possession with intent to distribute approximately 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine. CASTILLO was charged with possession

with intent to distribute approximately 115.9 grams of cocaine. BARRIOS-LOPEZ was additionally charged with one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of possession in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm while being an illegal alien and unlawfully in the United States and one count of being in the United States without the consent of the Attorney General of the United States after being deported subsequent to his conviction for aggravated felonies. RIVERA-GALVAN and CASTILLO were also additionally each charged with one count of possession in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm while being an illegal alien and unlawfully in the United States.

The indictment followed an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Indianapolis Police Department.

The defendants were arrested by law enforcement officers after an investigation and subsequent searches of the defendants' residences revealed a conspiracy involving the distribution of cocaine in the Indianapolis, Indiana area.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BARRIOS-LOPEZ, due to a previous conviction, faces a maximum possible prison sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000 for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and for possession with intent to distribute approximately 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine. BARRIOS-LOPEZ also faces a minimum possible prison sentence of 5 years consecutive and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, a maximum possible prison

sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for being an illegal alien, and a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for possession in and affecting commerce, a firearm, while being an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States.

RIVERA-GALVAN, DOMINGUEZ, and VALLE face a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000 for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute approximately 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine. CASTILLO faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$1,000,000 for possession with intent to distribute approximately 115.9 grams of cocaine. RIVERA-GALVAN and CASTILLO also face a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for possession in and affecting commerce, a firearm, while being an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States.

An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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